THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The number of cases of frauds and the amount involved therein as reported to Reserve Bank of India by Nationalised Banks for the year 1990, 1991, 1992 and upto March, 1993 are as follows:—

Year	No. of frauds	Amount (Rs. in lacs)
1990	1034	8598.36
		Uganden Shs. 4597787
1991	996	4960.14
1992	1063	13425.38
		F. S. 1500
31st March, 1993	340	1129.00

These figures indicate that the number of fraud cases registered a small decline in 1991 as compared to the number for the year 1990 but again registered an increase in 1992.

(c) and (d) The Committee appointed by RBI under the chairmanship of Shri A. Ghosh to enquire into various aspects of frauds and malpractices submitted its report to RBI on 30-6-92. The report of the Committee was examined and RBI advised the public sector banks in August, 1992 to initiate implementation of most of the recommendations immediately. Some recommendations requiring approval of Government have also been accepted. A few of the recommendations require further examination.

Setting up of Powerloom Service Centres in Karnataka

*217. SHRI J.P. JAVALI:

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka have submitted proposals to the Central Government for setting up of Powerloom Service Centres in Bangalore, Bijapur and Dharwad districts with a view to provide better services and support to the powerloom sector; and

(b) if so, what is the status of proposals and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka have submitted proposals for setting up of Powerloom Service Centres in Bijapur and Dharwad Districts. These are awaiting administrative and financial clearance. A Powerloom Service Centre has already been sanctioned and functioning at Bangalore.

Impact of International Environmental Standards on Textiles Export

*218. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new international environmental standards in the US and the European markets;

(b) if so, what is its likely impact on the exports of the Indian textiles in the international market; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the increasing stress being given by the industrialised countries on environmental standards. It is not possible at this stage to assess the likely impact of this on India's Textile exports. Government are taking necessary steps to educate the industry about the movement in this regard in the industrialised countries.

Submission of Returns by Companies

*219. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI had advised all non-banking financial and residuary non-banking companies to submit their returns

before 30th June, 1993 relating to deposits held by them as on March 31, 1993 to the respective regional offices; and

(b) if so, what is the number of companies that have complied with this direction, company-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they have in a press release issued on May 31, 1993 advised all non-banking financial companies, miscellaneous non-banking companies are residuary non-banking companies to submit by June 30, 1993 their annual returns relating to deposits held by them as on March 31, 1993 to the respective regional offices of Department of Financial Companies, RBI.

(b) So far returns have been received by the regional offices of RBI from 26 residuary non-banking companies and 9466 other financial companies.

हथकरघा क्षेत्र को संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में शामिल किया जाना

*220. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार हथकरघा क्षेत्र को संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) सरकार का यह मत है कि इस समय हथकरघा (उत्पादन के लिए आरक्षित मद) अधिनियम- 1985 को भारत के संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने से हथकरघा क्षेत्र को कोई विशेष लाभ नहीं होगा ।

New Policy on STD Payphones

1864. SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new policy on STD payphones has been announced as reported in the Hindustan Times of 25th July 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof and objectives to be achieved through this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A new policy on STD Payphones has been issued vide Department of Telecommunications Memo No. 31-13/91-PHB on 24th July, 1993 and is placed on the Table of the House as Statement.

Statement

Copy of Letter No. 31-13/91-PHB Dated 24th July 1993 Issued by Department of Telecommunications to All Chief General Managers Telecom/Telephone M.T.N.L. Delhi and Bombay.

Subject: Review of Policy on STD PCOs.

Under the orders of Hon'ble Minister of State (C), the liberalised policy of allotment of STD Payphones enumerated in our office Memo No. 31-13/91-PHB dated 14-8-92 has been reviewed with a view to provide greater employment opportunities to educated unemployed. The following guidelines are issued for implementation with immediate effect.